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Department of Public Health and Environment announces strict prohibition of all private dumping

Chief Inspector of the Department of Public Health and Environment, Gisbert Boekhoudt, made a public announcement at their headquarters in San Nicolas yesterday morning that the practice of private landowners accepting refuse on their property for profit has now been strictly prohibited.

Laws passed in May will be heavily enforced, as sufficient time and attention has been paid to informing all those engaging in this practice of its illegality. The dumping of refuse on public lands, as opposed to properly taking it to the public dump at Parkietenbos, has always been prohibited, but some individuals with empty lots have made it a business to accept refuse from individuals who also conduct garbage collection for profit.

This practice is detrimental to the environment in several ways; now, only the Ministry of Public Health may specify dumping grounds, and the only dump-



ing ground on Aruba is the official Parkietenbos site.

The official environmental protection agency will be sending out regular patrols to insure the prohibitions are observed and enforced.

"At this point, we feel landowners using their property as a dump have been reasonably informed, and can no longer claim ignorance of the law as an excuse for this illegal practice," stated Mr.

Jubilation in Tripoli as Kadhafi proclaimed dead

TRIPOLI (AFP) - Celebratory gunfire erupted across Tripoli yesterday and jubilant crowds flooded onto the streets waving the red, black and green flag of the new regime, as news spread that Libya's hated dictator was dead.

"We in Libya have been waiting for this historic moment. Moamer Kadhafi has been killed," the country's interim prime minister Mahmud Jibril announced at a hastily organised new conference in the capital, amid cries of "Al-lahu Akbar" (God is greatest).

"I would like to take this opportunity to call on Libyans to put aside their grudges and



proclaim one word: Libya! Libya! Libya!" he added.

There was a carnival atmosphere in nearby Martyrs' Square, where thousands gathered to mark the beginning of a new era, embracing each other, beating drums and chanting in celebration.

"Today is the first day of freedom in our lives. Praise to God. We are so happy. I don't know how to tell you. We suffered too much because of this stupid family," Zainab Ibrahim told AFP, even as more people flooded into the square.

News of Kadhafi's death came as the National Transitional Council's troops overran the last bastion of resistance in Sirte, bringing to an end a two-month siege, and amid claims by NTC commanders that his son Mutassim had also been found dead.

Jibril said Seif al-Islam, another of Kadhafi's sons, was believed to be pinned down in a village near Sirte.

A dozen women descended

on the square wrapped in the liberated country's new flag, smiling and ululating.

"The blood of the martyrs has not been spilt for nothing!" they chanted.

In a street nearby, cars lined bumper-to-bumper, horns blaring and drivers and passengers waving the V-for-victory sign, while men and women walked up and down sprinkling water on vehicles and pedestrians.

In Washington, US President Barack Obama said the death of Moamer Kadhafi ended a long, painful chapter for Libyans and warned "iron fist" regimes in the rest of the Arab world they would inevitably fall.

Speaking in the White House Rose Garden, Obama said Kadhafi's demise vindicated the collective military action of the West and said Libyans now had a chance to build a "democratic" and "tolerant nation."

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Tomorrow, Saturday, October 22: Opportunity to apply and undergo first test for public safety and security staff of the Aruba Police Force

SAN NICOLAS -- In January 2012, the Aruba Police Force will start a new Police Training Level 2 course. Students who finish this course successfully will be appointed public safety and security staff. The responsibilities of a public safety and security staff member is, among others, to assist in the operations process of the Police Force

In order to be eligible for employment as a public safety and security staff member, applicants must comply with the following:

- Must have a Dutch nationality
- Must have a minimum height of 1.60 m
- Must be between 17 and 34 years when applying
- Must have a minimum EPB outflow diploma

Interested individuals who meet the abovementioned requirements can pass personally tomorrow, Saturday, October 22, at the Police Academy situated on Fortheuvelstraat in San Nicolas between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. for the first test.

Those complying with all



the requirements and who pass the test successfully will then proceed to the selection procedure.

All tests results must meet specified requirements, including the sports test, psychological exam, health exam and background records.

Only those who present a copy of diploma(s), two (2) recent ID photos and a valid ID will be admitted to the first test.

For more information contact the Aruba Police Force personnel department at tel. 5272900 ext.: 966 or 967

Aircraft registration and other activities will create new opportunities for Aruba

ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday morning a two-day conference was begun dealing with the registration of offshore aircrafts. Minister Otmar Oduber, in charge of Transportation addressed those in attendance at this important conference, both local as well as international attendees.

Oduber indicated that the conference was a private initiative. He remarked about the large attendance from those involved in the trust business, lawyers, jurists and those in the offshore and on-shore banking industry. He was particularly pleased with the interest shown by these groups in our community.

He also made reference to those who came from abroad to see what Aruba is doing and how they can learn from us how we are improving the product we offer. Oduber considers the entire process that we are engaged in to be extremely important and the fact that we are in association with important associations which have to do with security in the USA and Europe with reference to different types of registrations.

The Minister also remarked that the government has decided to increase the services that the Department of Civil Aviation is offering at this time. They feel that it should not be limited to registrations, but that they should also be certifying pilots, as well as companies and personnel. This he claims will provide for a new element to the industry. The increase of these activities will also create jobs for jurists, lawyers, trustoffices, banks, etc who will all be involved in the industry and will be a boost to our economy.

The registration of Aircrafts in Aruba will not be something inexpensive or



simple, but it will definitely be one of the best with security at the forefront.

Oduber is convinced that offering the very best registration here at a premium price will guarantee the best inspection and control that would provide them ready recognition and acceptance in any continent of the world. This is because of the associations with whom Aruba is associated. Aruba,

according to Oduber, has chosen to maintain our level and assure that ICAO standards are met in Aruba no matter what.

The Minister envisions that very soon the Aruba Department of Civil Aviation will be completely automated so that aircraft registrants could go online and see exactly what documents are in place and what registrations are in effect.



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Manpower Planning Forms are out and employers are urged to take advantage of filling them out early and carefully

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Manpower Planning urges employers to make good use of the 2012 Manpower planning forms.

There are three departments that resort under the structure of the Department of Labor Progression (DPL), namely, the department of Labor Mediation and Re-integration (Job Center), Labor Market Registration (Manpower Planning), and Work Permission.

The department of Labor Registration (Manpower Planning) is involved with the yearly expressed demands and needs of employers. This is expressed through the Manpower Planning forms that

each employer fills out.

DPL uses these forms to work on the projected demand and labor needs for the upcoming year. With the information submitted DPL can work together with schools, and other institutions like Ensenansa pa Empleo and other employers to help meet the labor demands.

DPL is now appealing to all employers to fill out the Manpower Planning Form as specifically, accurately and completely as possible. The employer always has the option to change or adjust the information he submitted as needed.

People using a representative or consultant to help them

with the permission process of finding a job must bear in mind that adaptations may take place only via a personal visit of the employer to DPL.

As of the 1st of October employers can visit the front desk of DPL located at Seroe Blanco #4 in Oranjestad where the 2012 forms can be picked up. There are no wait lines for getting these forms, simply come in and proceed directly to the front desk and request the 2012 Manpower Planning form.

The 2012 form must be submitted no later than by March 2012 to the DPL office. However, DPL is encouraging everyone to fill out and submit the forms the

earliest possible, even right away if possible. Upon submission of the form, the employer will receive a proof of submission. If the document is correctly filled out and everything checks out it would take about 10 days for the process to be completed and the form returned to the employer.

In the interest of time and to facilitate the process, DPL has included the form on their website which can be easily downloaded... look it up at: www.dpl.aw.



On the website you can find the different forms relative to the needs of each employer.

It is obvious that the new Department is doing an excellent job of meeting the needs of both employer and employees!

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The design of the new generation is a powerful expression of the latest tech-

nology, further improvements in fuel efficiency, significantly more space and an innovative range of features and equipment, once again setting a milestone in the market. Still the only rear-wheel-driven car in its class, it builds on the strengths of its predecessor, which has al-

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It also offers an impressive range of driver's assistance and mobility services such as BMW ConnectedDrive which includes Adaptive Headlights, high-beam as-

stance, Park Distance Control, a rear view camera, Park Assistant, cruise control with braking function and Lane Departure Warning with Collision Warning among others.

For the first time, all the petrol and diesel engines for the BMW 1 Series now feature new BMW TwinPower Turbo technology consisting of a twin-scroll turbocharger, High Precision Injection, VALVETRONIC and Double-VANOS.

tum Shift Indicator, and tires with reduced rolling resistance. The Automatic Start/ Stop function comes as standard with both manual and automatic transmissions. The driver can also enjoy an economical driving style using the driving experience switch, activating ECO PRO mode.

This model complements its agile, efficient and safe characteristics with the use of lightweight materials. The



The standard six-speed manual included in all the versions of the new BMW 1 Series offers efficient power transmission and precise gear changes. In addition is the only compact car also available with the option of an eight-speed automatic transmission.

The new BMW 1 Series counts with the BMW EfficientDynamics technology package which includes Brake Energy Regeneration and electromechanical servo-assisted steering plus, an Op-

structure of the car is made with high-strength steel being used to increase the torsional resistance and a wide safety equipment that includes frontal and lateral airbags.

With this original model of an individualistic character, BMW demonstrates its domain in design and high performance for those who are always searching for innovative technology, esthetics adapted to their personal interests and selected quality.



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First Choice and Thomson Charter make a generous donation



First Choice and Thomson Charter, a travel organization from the UK, made a generous donation to Sonrisa, a local not-for-profit foundation.

Sonrisa is an association of parents, family members and friends of people with mental limitations, and it works on behalf of those afflicted, lobbying for more financial resources, mental support and social acceptance.

First Choice and Thomson Charter raised the money for the donation selling a De Palm Tours sunset cruise to their passengers, earmarking all proceeds to the charity. In addition to that, the representatives of First Choice and

Thomson Charter got on board and organized fun games providing additional entertainment while cruising, soliciting extra donations from raffles and prizes.

The fund-raising drive has become a tradition, a successful collaboration between the UK-based firm and its Aruba-based ground handler, De Palm Tours.

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A short ceremony at the Plaza Club of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa bestowed upon Susan and Jeffrey Trazoff the ultimate honor given by the Aruba Tourism Authority that of Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba, having come back to the island since 1978, for a whopping 34 vacations, to date!

The Trazoffs have vacationed here for unforgettable 33 years, visiting from their home on Staten Island in search of sun, sand and ocean, friendly people, fabulous hotels, great restaurants and the feeling of being at home and at ease on the island.

Germaine Wever, Plaza Club manager arranged the honoring as a surprise, and government representative Marouska Heiliger officiated



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Jubilation in Tripoli as Kadhafi proclaimed dead

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"Just one year ago, the notion of a free Libya seemed impossible, but then the Libyan people rose up and demanded their rights. This is a momentous day in the history of Libya, the dark shadow of tyranny has been lifted," Obama said, in his first reaction to the killing of Kadhafi near his hometown of Sirte earlier yesterday.

"With this enormous promise, the Libyan people now have a great responsibility to build an inclusive and tolerant and democratic Libya that stands as the ultimate rebuke to Kadhafi's dictatorship."

Obama said that Washington looked forward to an official announcement of Libya's liberation, which officials in Tripoli said could come as early as today.

The president, who was criticized by Republicans either for failing to take a more proactive role in the NATO operation in Libya, or for intervening at all, also had a warning for other dictatorial



An anti-Gaddafi fighter points at the drain where Muammar Gaddafi was hiding before he was captured. Muammar Gaddafi was killed by Libyans he once scorned as "rats," succumbing to wounds, some seemingly inflicted after his capture by fighters who overran his last redoubt

leaders in the Middle East.

"Across the Arab world, citizens have stood up to claim their rights. Youth are delivering a powerful rebuke to dictatorship. And those leaders who try to deny their dignity will not succeed," he said. "For the region, today's events prove once

more that the rule of an iron fist inevitably comes to an end."

Obama did not mention any nations by name, but his remarks appeared to be a clear reference to US foes Syria and Iran which have both violently put down movements for change.

Interpol, ICC urge Kadhafi son to give up and 'face justice'

LYON (AFP) - The World police body Interpol and the International Criminal Court (ICC) yesterday urged Seif al-Islam, the most prominent son of Moamer Kadhafi, to give himself up and "face justice".

In a statement, the two institutions "urged the former Libyan leader's son Seif to give himself up and for the national authorities of the country where he is hiding to guarantee and facilitate his safe transfer to The Netherlands to face justice."

"Following my discussions with (ICC) Prosecutor (Luis) Moreno-Ocampo, we agree that it is in the best interests of



Seif Al-Islam Kadhafi as well as in the interests of justice that he surrender himself as swiftly as possible and face the charges levelled against him," Interpol Secretary General Ronald Noble said.

"Colonel Kadhafi will not be able to answer to the crimes

levelled against him which makes it even more important that those who were part of his inner circle and who remain at large are captured and face their accusers so that the rule of law can run its course."

Interpol issued a "red notice" in September for the arrest of Kadhafi, who was killed yesterday, Seif al-Islam and the former regime's intelligence chief Abdullah al-Senussi.

In June, ICC judges issued arrest warrants against the three for "crimes against humanity" by troops under their orders, using "lethal force" to quell the uprising against his regime.

El Salvador begins post-storm clean-up

SAN SALVADOR (AFP) - El Salvador began the enormous task of cleaning up the mess left behind by more than a week of heavy rain as officials warned the tab could exceed the cost of Hurricane Mitch which hit 13 years ago.

There was no definitive figure for the cost of the damage, but Salvadoran President Mauricio Funes told reporters yesterday that "the loss will be great, more than ever before from a natural phenomenon of this type."

Several days of massive rain led to felled bridges and washed out roads, and left an estimated 10 percent of the country under water.

Officials said its effects were likely to be felt for months as the storm also flooded fields of El Salvador's

bean, rice and corn crops, dietary staples in this country of 6.1 million people.

Health authorities have warned of the possibility of virus outbreaks and food shortages throughout Central America as death tolls rose from several days of intense rains that brought raging floods and landslides to the region.

The number of fatalities in the region has climbed to 97 from the non-stop downpours that have continued into a 10th day, affecting hundreds of thousands of people.

With floodwaters that once raged now sitting stagnant, authorities across the region warned of potential epidemics such as dengue spread by mosquitoes, bacteria infections and influenza outbreaks as a cold front moved south.

ETA announces end to more than 40 years' violence

MADRID (AFP) - Armed Basque separatist group ETA yesterday declared a historic end to more than 40 years of bombing and shooting, welcomed by Spain as a victory for democracy.

Three ETA militants dressed in black shirts with white hoods over their heads and black berets made the dramatic video declaration terminating the deadly campaign for a Basque homeland. It heralds the end of Western Europe's last major violent secessionist group, blamed for 829 deaths.

Sitting at a table with the band's emblem of the struggle -- an axe with a snake curled around it -- a masked activist in the centre of the trio delivered the news.

"ETA has decided the definitive cease of its armed activity," the band said in a written statement. "ETA calls upon the Spanish and French governments to open a process of a direct dialogue with the aim of addressing the resolution of the consequences of the conflict and, thus, to overcome the armed confrontation," it said.

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Vatican asks Hindus to fight anti-Christian propaganda

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican yesterday asked Hindus to fight "hateful propaganda" and allow Christians to practise their religion freely, in a message delivered to mark the upcoming festival of light, Diwali.

The message, signed by the head and deputy head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious dialogue, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran and Pier Luigi Celata, comes as the number of Christians persecuted in certain regions of India rises.

From the state of Orissa in the east to Kerala in the southwest, the conversion of Dalit or Untouchables to the Christian faith has sparked violence, with groups of extremist Hindus attacking Christians and their churches.

The letter also came a week before a meeting of religious leaders to be hosted by Pope Benedict XVI in Assisi in Italy. Seven Hindus, including Rajmohan Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, are expected to attend.

Tauran and Celata said Diwali, which is celebrated every year on October 26, "marks the victory of truth over lies, of light over dark, of good over evil."

They called for Hindus and Catholics alike to work for religious freedom in the face of "prejudices, hateful propaganda, discrimination and persecution based on faith."

Religious freedom meant liberty "to profess, practise and spread one's religion, in public or in private, alone or in a community," they said.

Cuba takes no position on Kadhafi death


HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba's official media yesterday announced news of the death of Libyan former strongman Moamer Kadhafi without offering any comment by the government.

A statement on the official website cubadebate.cu indicated "the National Transitional Council said it killed Kadhafi," and that NATO at the time did not confirm the information.

Cuba, which has been a sharp critic of the intervention in Libya, has refused to recognize the ruling NTC and has withdrawn its diplomats from Tripoli.

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Venezuela's Chavez says he is cancer-free

LA FRIA (AFP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, said yesterday his cancer treatment has been successful and that he was free of the disease as he arrived home after medical tests in Cuba.

The test results "allow me to affirm that I am free of the disease," declared Chavez, who flew directly from Ha-

vana to the town of La Fria, the site of a Catholic shrine.

The Venezuelan leader had a tumor extracted in June in Havana, and has since undergone four rounds of chemotherapy.

"A vital stage of the treatment of the disease ... has concluded," said Chavez. The treatment, which combined

surgery and chemotherapy, "had a successful conclusion," he said.

Chavez however was more cautious than triumphant, warning that it "is necessary to continue monitoring in these cases." He was set to make a pilgrimage to the shrine "to fulfill a promise."

On Wednesday Chavez

said in a telephone interview broadcast on state VTV that he was "very active" in Havana and had been able to speak at length with Cuba's iconic former leader Fidel Castro.

Chavez, 57 and in power since 1999, has maintained that he will recover in time to win reelection in 2012.

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In US, many with severe depression go untreated

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States is a world leader in rates of antidepressant use, but as many as two-thirds of Americans with severe depression are not on medication, said a government study.

Eleven percent of Americans age 12 and older are taking antidepressant medication, a slight uptick over a 2009 survey that showed 10.1 percent, according to the latest data from the National Center for Health Statistics.

However, just one-third of people with "severe depressive symptoms take antidepressant medication," said the survey, which described rates of antidepressant use by age, race, income, sex, severity and treatment time.

Experts said the shortfall comes despite efforts to convince more primary care physicians to discuss mental health with their patients, since people see their regular doctors more frequently than they do psychiatrists.

Frequent commercials on television and in other media promoting antidepressant drugs in the U.S. could be

leading more people to ask their doctors for such prescriptions, but not among the group that could be most helped by them.

The survey also said antidepressants are the most common prescription drug used by people age 18-44, and rates are two and half times higher in women than in men.

Nearly one-quarter (23 percent) of women age 40-59 take antidepressants, more than in any other age-sex group, said the study, funded by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The high rate among women is not a surprise, according to Norman Sussman, professor of psychiatry and associate dean for continuing medical education at the New York University school of medicine.

"Men view acknowledging that they are depressed as some sort of personal or character failure, and more often than women, men to turn to alcohol and drugs to self-medicate, whereas women are more able to talk about their symptoms and seek help and in turn receive it."

The data also showed significant racial and ethnic differences, with almost 14 percent of non-Hispanic whites taking antidepressants compared to four percent of African-Americans and three percent of Mexican-Americans.

Previous studies have shown that antidepressant use rates in Europe are around 10 percent, while Asian countries tend to have much lower numbers of people taking doctor-prescribed antidepressants.

Haiti to test cholera vaccine

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Haiti's health ministry is preparing to test a cholera vaccine on a hundred people, a year after an epidemic killed over 6,500 people, officials said.

Over a hundred people from a Port-au-Prince shantytown and a rural area in the center of the country, where the disease was first identified in 2010, will be given the vaccine.

"The Shanchol vaccine will be administered orally to the patients in two doses at six-month intervals. It has been approved by the World Health Organization but it won't replace better informing the public," health ministry director general Gabriel Timothe told AFP.

A year after a South Asian strain of cholera was found in Haiti, the infection has made new inroads in remote northern and southern parts of the country.

"There is a low level of mortality. We will deploy teams to intensify our hygiene information campaign," Timothe said.

Russia must tackle 'critical' suicide rate: experts

MOSCOW (AFP)- Russia must launch a public health campaign to reduce the country's suicide rate, among the highest in the world, top psychiatrists said.

In 2010, the suicide rate reached 23.5 per 100,000 people, the sixth highest in the world and well above the "critical" limit of 20 set by the WHO, Boris Polozhy of the Serbsky psychiatric hospital told a news conference in Moscow.

The suicide rate peaked in Russia during the economic and social maelstrom of the 1990s after the breakup of the Soviet Union, when the rate rose to 42 per 100,000 in 1995.



the said.

But aid agency Medecins Sans Frontieres deemed the Haitian measures insufficient to beat back cholera.

Gerard Bedock, also of MSF, said the disease was still an epidemic in Haiti and urged

sanitary authorities to keep cholera isolation and treatment units at health centers.

MSF, which has treated over 160,000 Haitians affected by the disease, warned that cholera could remain in Haiti for years to come.



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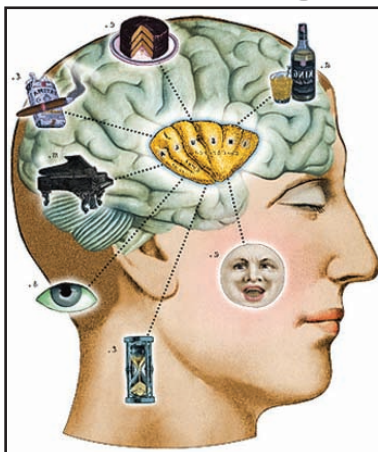
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Plastic-brained teens have big IQ swings



PARIS (AFP) - Youngsters experience huge swings in intelligence during their teenage years, a finding with widespread implications for education, scientists reported.

The results will not surprise parents who find their children are a sandwich short of a picnic at one stage of their adolescence but a few years later display shafts of brilliance -- or sometimes the reverse.

But the study say the shifts are linked to changes in the structure of the brain, not to hormonal surges, a finding that challenges an enshrined belief.

The theory that intellectual ability is stable throughout one's life underpins intelli-

gence tests applied in primary schools that sometimes shape an individual's life by determining options in education and careers.

British researchers tested 33 adolescents in 2004, when the volunteers were aged between 12 and 16.

They used a standard intelligence quotient test which measures "verbal IQ" -- language skills, arithmetic, general knowledge and memory -- and "non-verbal IQ," such as identifying missing parts of a picture or solving a visual puzzle.

They put the youngsters through a second test in 2007-8.

On both occasions, the individuals were placed in a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner, which takes a 3-D snapshot of the brain.

In some cases, the teenagers' IQ over this period fell -- or rose -- by 20 points compared to a counterpart of a similar age.

Stunned by this discovery, the team turned to the MRI images and found the teens' brains had undergone significant changes during the intervening years.

For example, an increase in

verbal IQ was associated with an increase in the density of grey matter in the left motor cortex, a part of the brain that helps process speech.

A rise in non-verbal IQ was linked to a boost in grey matter in the anterior cerebellum, which is associated with hand movements.

But an increase in one kind of IQ was not necessarily accompanied by an increase in another.

Previous research has highlighted the plasticity of the brain, an organ that can change in structure throughout adult life. For instance, London taxi drivers who take the road-map test known as "The Knowledge" have a bigger hippocampus, a nodal point for navigation and memory.

Still unclear, though, is whether the IQ changes in adolescence are due to early or late development, or whether education played a role.

If the findings, reported in the British journal *Nature* on Wednesday, are replicated elsewhere, the implications could be far-reaching.

Russia surprised as Apple uses Glonass in new iPhone



-- AFP) The secret is out and making Russia proud: pop culture and geek tech icon Apple has picked Russia's Glonass navigation system to run alongside GPS in its iPhone 4S models that hit stores this month.

The news was not exactly hidden by the California-based firm. A scan through the iPhone "specs" page on the Apple website shows Glonass sitting conspicuously next to GPS in the global positioning column.

But the news has created a sensation on the Russian Inter-

net and made the front page of the respected *Vedomosti* business daily on Thursday.

"If the iPhone 4S really does have Glonass navigation," the paper said in a disbelieving tone, "this would be the first time the Russian system reached the world market."

It then quoted a company spokesman as saying that the phones became 50 percent more reliable with the Russian invention on board.

Vedomosti said basic Glonass documentation has the same open access as GPS. The basic global positioning system is also being honed for more precise military use not available to consumers.

The Glonass system has struggled through many delays and cost overruns that was additionally hurt last year by the loss of three satellites in a botched launch.

Glonass is less precise than its rival but relies on a different set of satellites that could work in some cities where the US system is less effective.



Archaeologists have discovered a Viking boat burial site in the Scottish Highlands. The five metre-long (16-foot) grave, thought to contain the remains of a high-status Viking, was discovered at a site estimated to be 1,000 years old. Viking artefacts have been found during the excavation near Ardnamurchan in the Scottish highlands. Photo shows a 9-10th century Viking sword in Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, Scotland October 18, 2011.

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15. Positively charged particle
16. Bullfight bravo
17. Kitchen furnishings
19. Start of the Musketeers' motto
20. A deadly sin
21. It shows some flare
23. Toast opening
24. Mature pullet
25. Keats's output
26. Get it wrong
29. ___-portrait
31. Venetian jurist
34. Fish story
36. Be smug
39. Be human
40. Arrange in a makeshift fashion
42. Surname of Julian Lennon's stepmother
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45. Roulette choice
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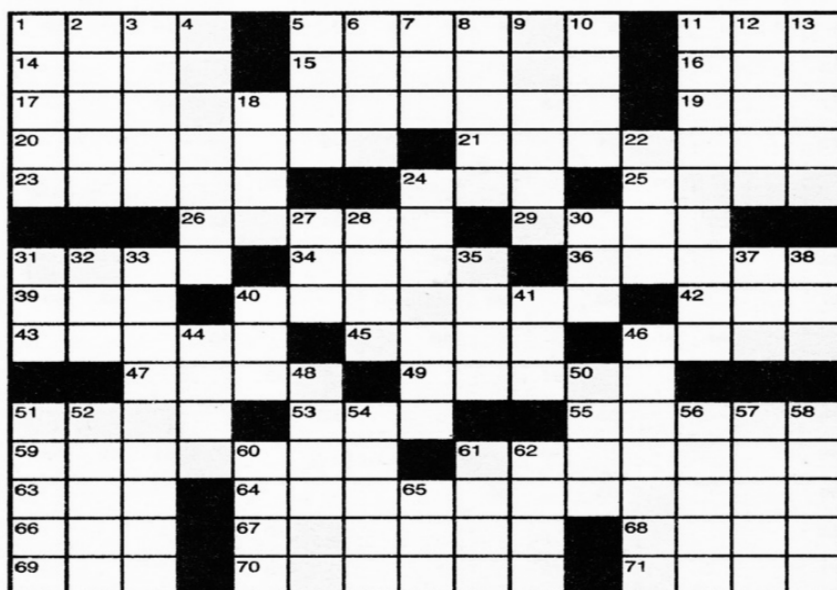
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6. "Verrry interesting" quipster
7. Cattle sound

8. Make amends
9. Ninnies
10. Traces over a comic book artist's sketches
11. Lumber measure
12. Kukla's friend
13. Cheers
18. Unless: Lat.
22. Consequence
24. Mount ___ (women's college)
27. R-V connection
28. Sew up holes
30. Ukrainian craft object
31. Andrea ___ Sarto
32. Pedro's gold
33. Halfway house
35. CNBC anchor
37. Echidna's

- snack
38. Additionally
40. Ms. Aniston, to friends
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44. Ponderous
46. Redolent
48. Nimble
50. Asian sea
51. "Alfie" actor
52. Perfume base
54. ___ manometer (pressure tester)
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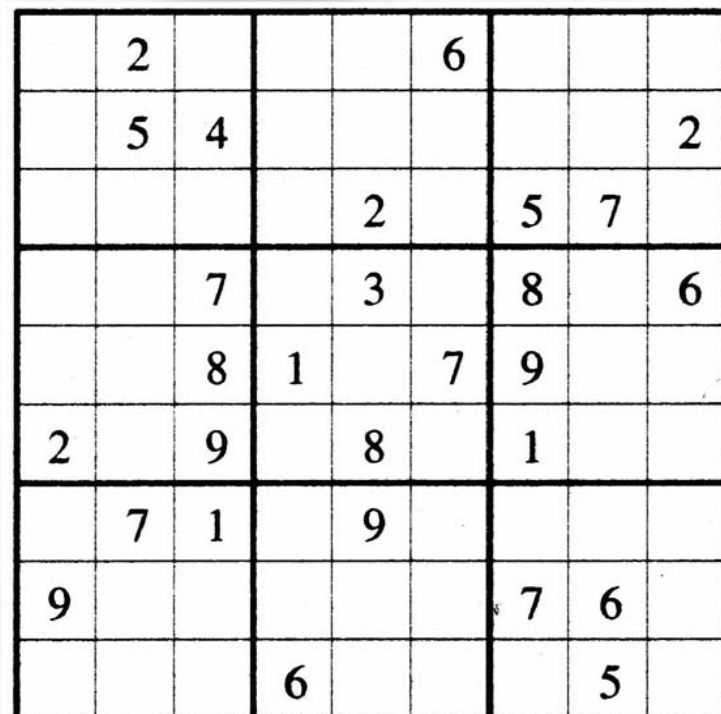
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Finance

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin of the Aruba Central Bank for August 2011 shows:

Net foreign assets continue to decline

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Monthly Bulletin of August 2011 that the net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings) went down, for the fourth month in a row to Afl. 1,256.9 million. This month's net outflow of foreign funds amounted to Afl. 17.8 million and was mostly associated with higher payments for imported goods, and dividend payments. These payments were in part compensated by increased tourism receipts, as well as net inflows from foreign bank deposits of residents. Although the level of the net foreign assets is still within acceptable range, the CBA will continue to closely monitor this key indicator. Conversely,

the net domestic assets rose by Afl. 46.8 million. As a result, money supply went up by Afl. 29.0 million to Afl. 3,218.2 million at the end of August 2011.

During August 2011, the number of stay-over visitors grew by 8.8 percent or 6,457 visitors compared to August 2010. This increase can mostly be attributed to the Latin American market (+5,090 visitors or +26.6 percent) and the European market (+1,661 visitors or +22.7 percent). Also, cruise tourism went up (+10.0 percent) in August 2011 compared to the same period of 2010.

The consumer price index (CPI) for August 2011 registered a 6.8 percent jump compared to a 0.1 percent decline in the same month of 2010.

The energy and food components of the CPI contributed with 4.6 percentage points to this acceleration. Consequently, the 12-month average inflation rate reached 2.1 percent in August 2011.

In August 2011, tax revenues decreased by Afl. 0.8 million, when compared to the same month of 2010. The tax components that posted a decline in receipts in August 2011 were hotel room tax (Afl. 3.7 million), transfer tax (Afl. 3.1 million), and wage tax (Afl. 2.2 million), while the proceeds from import duties (+Afl. 2.3 million), profit tax (+Afl. 1.9 million), foreign exchange tax (+Afl. 1.9 million), and turnover tax (B.B.O.) (+Afl. 1.1 million) grew during the month under review.

Struggling Nokia posts 3rd quarter loss, tops forecasts

HELSINKI (AFP) - Finland's Nokia, struggling to hold its place as the world's top mobile phone maker, yesterday posted a third quarter loss of 68 million euros (\$94 million dollars), far smaller than analysts expected.

The company saw its share price soar as high as 12 percent on the news before closing 5.5 percent higher on a Helsinki stock exchange down 1.2 percent.

Analysts polled by the Dow Jones Newswires had expected the company to post a net loss of 321 million euros for the

quarter.

The company "is going the right way because the profitability was ... better than forecasted," Pohjola Bank analyst Hannu Rauhalu told AFP.

The result was a far cry from the company's net profit for the July-September period last year of 529 million euros but a large improvement over the second quarter net loss of 368 million euros.

Nokia sales also beat expectations, at 8.98 billion euros for the quarter, compared to estimates for 8.64 billion euros, but far lower than the 10.27

billion euros chalked up in the third quarter of 2010.

The mobile phone giant meanwhile saw overall handset sales plunge 25 percent year-on-year to 5.39 billion euros, while its smartphone sales, which is Nokia's weak point as it loses market share to competitors such as Apple, plummeted 39 percent to 2.21 billion euros.

Chief executive Stephen Elop, who in February announced a radical restructuring and the phasing out of Symbian as Nokia's smartphone platform in favour of a partnership with Microsoft, said he was encouraged by the progress made in the third quarter.

However, he acknowledged that the company "must continue to focus on consistent progress so that we can move Nokia through the transformation and deliver superior results to our shareholders."

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Photo shows Rock star Jon Bon Jovi sitting in the Soul Kitchen restaurant in Red Bank, N.J., on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, during the opening of the restaurant which is designed to help the hungry without the stigma of a soup kitchen. Diners pay whatever they're able to. Those without money can still eat provided they're willing to work in the restaurant or perform some community service.

Dealtalk: Big buyouts stalled in capital markets freeze

LONDON -- Large European private equity buyouts are on hold until capital markets revive, which is unlikely to happen this side of Christmas as leveraged loan and high-yield bond markets remain weak, bankers said yesterday.

Dysfunctional financing markets are threatening new buyouts such as the 1.5 billion pounds (\$2.3 billion) sale of British frozen food retailer Iceland, which saw first-round bids submitted this week, and France Telecom's 1.5-2 billion euro sale of Orange Switzerland. "Big deals require capital markets confidence," an M&A advisory specialist said.

The European leveraged loan market is effectively closed until it clears a 7 billion euro backlog of deals and the high-yield bond market is closed to all but repeat issuers until secondary prices recover, which is not anticipated soon.



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Switzerland	CHF	1.9880	1.9952	2.0032
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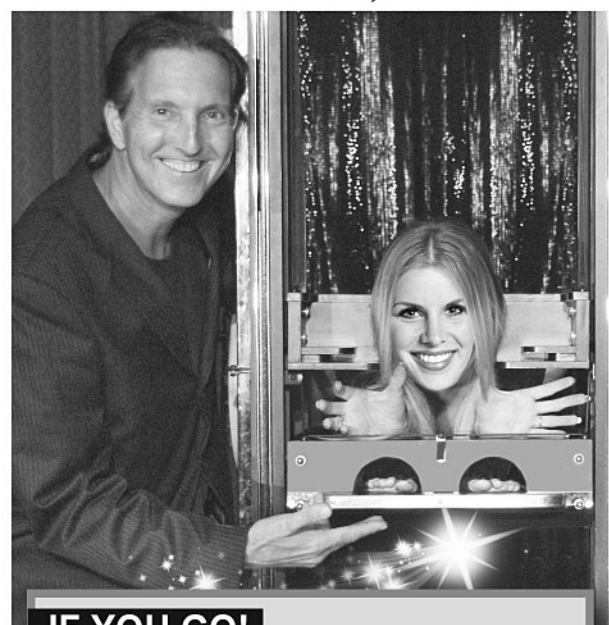
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Tintin goes to Hollywood



PARIS (AFP) - Trusty side-kick Snowy in tow, Tintin leaves his comic book universe for the brave new world of 3-D animation next week in Steven Spielberg's big-budget take on the boy reporter's intrepid adventures.

"The Adventures of Tintin: Secret of the Unicorn" brings the hero and his little white dog to the big screen on October 26, following a red-carpet world premiere in Tintin's native Brussels on Saturday.

Created in 1929 by the Belgian writer Herge, Tintin and his colourful cast of companions have achieved cult status for millions of fans worldwide, who will be watching anxiously to see what Holly-

wood has made of their icon.

Loosely based on three Tintin comics -- "The Crab with the Golden Claws", "The Secret of the Unicorn" and "Red Rackham's Treasure" -- the storyline kicks off with the blonde-quiffed Tintin nosing through an antiques fair in his native Brussels.

When he stumbles upon a model sailboat, "The Unicorn", Tintin's find sparks a cascade of mishaps that soon land the young reporter on a ship captained by the shadowy Rackham, bound for Morocco on a perilous treasure hunt.

Lurking in a cabin below deck, Tintin finds a booze-soaked Captain Archibald

Haddock, and signs him up for the ride.

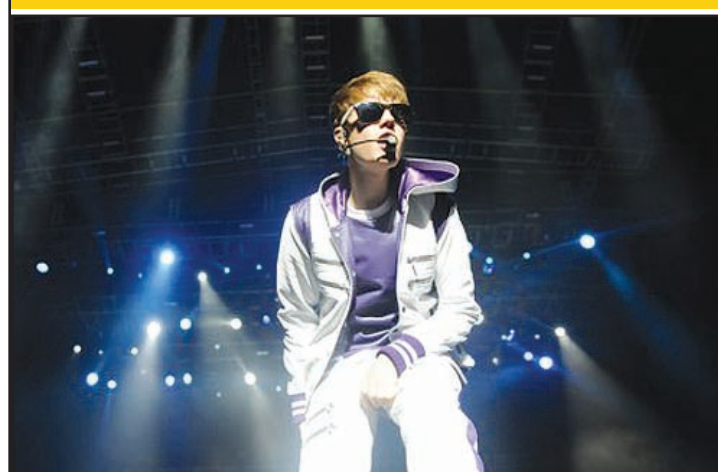
Whether adrift on a canoe, trapped in a burning plane, or speeding on an under-fire motorbike and side-car: the pair hurl themselves into the jaws of adventure with a mix of pluck, bravery and insolent good luck.

Liberties are taken with the cast's accents -- Tintin's is polished British, while Haddock's "Blistering Barnacles" and other colourful invectives are delivered with a Scottish lilt.

But otherwise the movie sticks faithfully to the look and feel of the original comic book series.

The Tintin pantheon of characters are all present, from the bumbling Thomson and Thompson detective twins -- albeit with larger noses than the originals -- to the larger-than-life opera singer, Bianca Castafiore.

Bieber rocks Venezuela at close of LatAm tour



CARACAS (AFP) - Canadian teen pop star Justin Bieber performed before thousands of screaming teenagers in Venezuela late Wednesday as he concluded a Latin America tour. Bieber, clad in a purple and white jumpsuit, opened his first-ever concert here with "Love Me," as fans packed the Simon Bolivar University football stadium, where the stage had been set up. The 17-year-old teen idol's "My World Tour" has taken him to Lima, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro. His music video "Baby" is one of the most-watched clips ever posted on YouTube, with more than 640 million viewers.



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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger



Aaron and Manager Marc Anthony

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet



cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

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Tennis: Monfils downs Tomic to stay in ATP Finals hunt

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - France's Gael Monfils stayed in the hunt for a place at the year-ending ATP World Tour Finals, coming from behind in the final set to defeat Bernard Tomic 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-4 at the Stockholm Open on Thursday.

The top seed, and last man standing in the leading four at the Kungliga hallen, trailed by a break in the third set before breaking the teenage Australian for 4-all.

He then sealed a 5-4 lead with his 18th ace, reaching the quarter-finals on his third match point.

Monfils is competing for the first time in a fortnight after a knee injury suffered in Bangkok.

He is one of the last possible contenders in the points race to reach the eight-man World Tour Finals in London from November 20, with a provisional place of 15th.

The flamboyant French player has three more tournaments this season, giving him chances to rise in the table.

"I hope to finish the year very strong," said the number 10.

It was a tough battle tonight. He's a good young player, I needed time to adjust after time away. I had a big drop in the second set, but I'd been playing well until then.

"I need a few more matches before I can win in straight sets. I need to improve my concentration, but I did a pretty good job today."

Monfils will play South African sixth seed Kevin An-



derson for a place in the semi-finals.

Two-time finalist Jarkko Nieminen of Finland eased past third seed Stanislas Wawrinka 6-3, 6-4.

The exit of the Swiss in 71 minutes followed the defeat of fourth seed Juan Ignacio Chela, who was beaten by Bulgarian youngster Grigor Dimitrov 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

Number two Juan Martin Del Potro was beaten on Wednesday in his opening match.

Wawrinka, ranked 19th, suffered another year of bad luck in the Swedish capital after losing a year ago in the quarter-finals to compatriot Roger Federer.

He smashed a racquet near the end of his ordeal against Nieminen, a finalist in 2001 and 2006 and playing the event for the 12th consecutive year.

The 73rd-ranked Finn will be competing in his second quarter-final in a month after reaching the last eight in

Bangkok when he will face German Tobias Kamke, who beat Sebastian Rieschick 6-3, 6-1.

Nieminen took victory with 22 winners and a dozen unforced errors, breaking Wawrinka three times. The Swiss fired 24 winners but committed 21 errors.

Dimitrov, a 20-year-old tipped for a top career, admitted to a lapse against Chela after leading a set and 2-0.

"I started struggling a bit and he raised his game," said the 70th-ranked Bulgarian.

Dimitrov will next face Canadian sixth seed Milos Raonic.

"It will be a great match, I know him well and will have to be on my game."

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Wheldon's funeral set for Saturday

ST.PETERSBURG (AFP) - The funeral for two-time Indianapolis 500 champion Dan Wheldon, killed in a 15-car crash at a Las Vegas race last Sunday, will be conducted on Saturday in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Susie Wheldon, the racer's wife and mother of their two children, released details of the ceremony and invited the racing community to attend services at the First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg.

"Although the last few days have been unbearable for our family, the overwhelming love and support we have received are rays of sunshine during these dark days," she said in a statement.

"The outpouring of sympathy and condolences has been so comforting, and I want to thank everyone for their kind notes, letters, gifts and flowers.

Wheldon suffered unsurvivable head injuries when his car went airborne in a chain-reaction wreck on lap 11 and slammed into the outer safety fence at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, then struck the concrete wall and burst into flames.

"Dan touched the lives of many people, and I would like to invite those citizens in our community who knew and loved my husband to attend his funeral service.

"Though we won't be able to fit everyone inside, I know



that Dan would have wanted the community to share in the celebration of his life and to grieve his passing. Thank you again. I am forever grateful for your kindness."

Wheldon, who won his second Indy 500 title in May, was set to join Andretti Autosport for next season after not having a full-season ride in 2011, when he served as test driver for a new 2012 IndyCar chassis designed to be safer.


IndyCar will stage a public memorial service to remember Wheldon on Sunday at Indianapolis in the home arena of the NBA Indiana Pacers.



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IndyCar probe under way after Wheldon death



INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - IndyCar has launched its probe into the crash in which Dan Wheldon died, and hope to have a preliminary report within weeks, the US open-wheel racing series said in a statement yesterday.

Wheldon, a 33-year-old English driver who won the famed Indianapolis 500 twice, died on Sunday when he was caught up in a stunning chain-reaction crash at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in what would have been IndyCar's season finale.

Fifteen cars were involved in the fiery melee on the 12th lap, after which the race was cancelled.

IndyCar vowed that the probe would seek to discover if speeds at the Las Vegas track were too high or if the field was too crowded.

Some drivers had predicted a chaotic race on the oval circuit at Las Vegas.

The circuit had been reconfigured to add "progressive

banking" designed to increase side-by-side racing, which can be particularly dangerous in open-wheel races.

Sam Schmidt, a former driver and Las Vegas native who runs the team for which Wheldon ran his final two races, said the accident could have happened almost anywhere.

"It's similar to what we do at Texas -- with a little more speed a few more cars -- but I don't think the track's to blame," Schmidt said.

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By the time the game started temperatures in downtown St. Louis had dipped to a chilly nine degrees Celsius (49 F) with a stiff breeze adding to the wind-chill.

Rain that had been falling for most of the day stopped by the time the first pitch was thrown but returned in the later innings as temperatures continued to fall over the course of the game, dropping as low as seven Celsius.

After a scoreless first three innings, the Cardinals broke through for the first runs of the 2011 World Series as outfielder Berkman belted a two-run single into short rightfield to give St. Louis a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth.

Berkman's chopper down the first-base line scored Albert Pujols from third base and Matt Holliday from second.

Pujols had reached first when he was hit in the foot by Rangers starting pitcher CJ Wilson to start the fourth inning and then Holliday doubled into the rightfield corner.

After pulling Carpenter, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa went to his bullpen which pitched three shutout innings. Five relief pitchers took the mound with Motte earning his fifth playoff save.

Rangers catcher Mike Napoli blasted a two-run home run deep into right field seats to tie the game 2-2 in the top of the fifth.

Napoli also hit into a inning-ending double play in the second.

Rangers lefthander Wilson, who is a potential free agent at

the end of the series, gave up three runs on four hits over 5 2/3 innings and walked six batters.

The Rangers are in their second consecutive World Series after being strangers to October success for the club's first 49 years. The Rangers lost last year's World Series in five games to San Francisco.

Colombia's Juan Pablo Montoya, a former Formula One star and Indianapolis 500 winner who now drives in NASCAR, was among them.

"I think the only opinion that really matters right now is the one where we worry about Dan and his family. Let's let IndyCar deal with their problems," Montoya said.

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NBA Stars could play in London, Macau, Australia : report

NEW YORK (AFP) - LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and Dwyane Wade are among the locked-out NBA stars who could be making a world tour during what would have been the first two weeks of the season, ESPN reported.

Citing unnamed sources, the US-based sports network's website said plans were in the works for groups of NBA superstars to play between October 30 and November 9 in London, Macau, Australia and Puerto Rico.

Two games would be played in Australia and London and all games would be played in venues of at least 15,000 seats.

Many NBA players have signed deals with European or Asian clubs to ensure they would not lose a season of their careers in case the NBA lockout wipes out the entire

North American pro season.

Superstars such as James and Bryant have not flocked overseas, setting the stage for what could be a jaw-dropping world showcase involving the NBA's elite stars, many who helped the US team reclaim Olympic gold in 2008 at Beijing.

Among the others who reportedly could be involved are Derrick Rose, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, Amare Stoudemire, Chris Bosh, Paul Pierce, Carlos Boozer, Rajon Rondo, Blake Griffin and Russell Westbrook with Kevin Durant and Kevin Garnett among those considering the tour.

Atlanta businessman Calvin Darden has worked with player agents for almost three months to organize the tour, ESPN reported, saying contracts have been signed by Bryant, Wade, Bosh, Griffin, Rondo and Pierce.

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Cards draw first blood in World Series



ST. LOUIS (AFP) - The St. Louis Cardinals struck first in the 107th World Series Wednesday, taking game one

behind some superb relief pitching and a clutch pinch-hit single by Allen Craig. Righthander Chris Carpen-

ter fanned four batters in six strong innings and outfielder Craig delivered a timely winning run as St. Louis edged the Texas Rangers 3-2 in game one of the best-of-seven series.

"You love to get off to a start like that," said Cardinals' infielder David Freese. "There's three more (wins) that we got to grab but this is important because it puts us in a good position."

The 27-year-old Craig, hitting for Carpenter, sliced an RBI single off Rangers relief pitcher Alexi Ogando in the bottom of the sixth for the Cardinals, who are seeking the 11th World Series title in

the history of the franchise.

Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz slid for Craig's blooper but the ball bounced off Cruz's leg allowing Freese to score on a cold, damp evening in front of a sold-out crowd of 46,406 at Busch Stadium.

Both teams carved out their reputations throughout the 2011 post-season with explosive offences but there was just one home run hit in game one.

"We don't want to get into gorilla ball with these guys," said the Cardinals' Lance Berkman. "I feel like we have to win the National League style games. This was a game with good pitching, good de-

fence and timely hitting."

Cardinals starting pitcher Carpenter tossed six innings, giving up five hits, striking out four batters and walking just one. He also got plenty of help Wednesday from the bullpen which has been one of the Cardinals biggest assets in the post-season.

Relief pitcher Jason Motte recorded the final out, getting Cruz to fly out to left-centre field to end a game.

The Cardinals are looking for their second championship in six seasons and their 10 World Series titles are the second most behind the New York Yankees' 27.

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